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### NOVEMBER TRADE IN LIVESTOCK, MEAT, AND MEAT PRODUCTS

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U.S. trade in livestock, meat, and meat products set new value records in November. Exports at \$104 million and imports at \$168 million were up 14 and 4 percent, respectively, from the previous month's high. Increases in live cattle trade contributed most to the gains. Nearly 25,000 head of cattle were exported in November, the highest monthly total since January 1971. About 85 percent of the total was fat slaughter cattle destined for the Canadian hotel and restaurant trade. On the other side, imports of feeder cattle continued their seasonal upturn. Entries totaling 206,000 head were primarily from Mexico, but about 20 percent of the total came from Canada.

#### Exports

**Animal fat** exports were also up significantly due to larger shipments of lard to the United Kingdom and tallow to India.

**Lard** exports totaling 32 million pounds were the highest since November 1971. Almost 28 million pounds of the total were exported to the United Kingdom. Since early 1969, the United States has maintained an export subsidy on lard shipments to the United Kingdom to meet EC subsidized competition in that market. The rate was originally 2 cents per pound but was lowered to 1 cent in August 1969. It remained at that level through January 11, 1972, when the U.S. program was terminated.

**Inedible tallow** exports totaled slightly under 230 million pounds in November—up 7 percent from a year ago. Shipments of 32 million pounds to India accounted for the increase. The United States did not export any tallow to that country in November 1971.

India's sporadic purchases of U.S. tallow in 1972 have resulted in exports totaling only about 80 million pounds through November compared with 303 million in the same period of 1971.

**Edible tallow** exports were at the highest level of recent years. The 9 million pounds exported in November compares with annual exports of 10 million pounds in 1971, 20 million in 1970, and 13 million in 1969. Of the November total about 8 million pounds was shipped to India.

**Cattle hide** exports for the month were unchanged from last November's total of 1.7 million pieces, but continued their upward trend in value to average \$21.76 per piece—26 percent above October and more than 2.5 times last November's per unit export value.

#### Imports

**Boneless beef** imports of 112 million pounds in November helped bring the 11-month total up 25 percent from last year to 1,165 million pounds. Australia supplies more than half of U.S. boneless beef imports. Entries from this country were up 42 percent in the 11-month period to 609 million pounds.

**Wool** import prices increased in November but the volumes imported, while significantly higher than last year, were about equal to trends of the last few months. Dutiable or apparel imports averaged \$1.02 per pound compared with 88 cents per pound the previous month and 50 cents per pound a year ago. Per unit values of duty free wools averaged 78 cents per pound—6 cents above October and 38 cents above November 1971.

U.S. imports of meat subject to  
Meat Import Law (PL 88-482)

Imports	:	November	:	January-
	:		:	November
	:		:	
	:	Million	:	Million
	:	<u>pounds</u>	:	<u>pounds</u>
	:		:	
<u>1972</u>	:		:	
Subject to Meat Import Law <u>1/</u> .....	:	119.0	:	1,262.1
Total beef and veal <u>2/</u> .....	:	131.6	:	1,378.7
Total red meat <u>3/</u> .....	:	171.4	:	1,854.1
	:		:	
<u>1971</u>	:		:	
Subject to Meat Import Law <u>1/</u> .....	:	63.2	:	1,002.3
Total beef and veal <u>2/</u> .....	:	72.4	:	1,166.6
Total red meat <u>3/</u> .....	:	100.6	:	1,574.4
	:		:	
<u>1970</u>	:		:	
Subject to Meat Import Law <u>1/</u> .....	:	79.3	:	1,080.8
Total beef and veal <u>2/</u> .....	:	95.7	:	1,245.9
Total red meat <u>3/</u> .....	:	131.1	:	1,670.5
	:		:	

1/ Fresh, chilled and frozen beef, veal, mutton and goat meat, including rejections.

2/ All forms, including canned and preserved.

3/ Total beef, veal, pork, lamb, mutton and goat.

U.S. imports of meat subject to Meat Import Law,  
November and January-November 1972, with comparisons 1/ 2/

Country of origin	November		January-November		Percent change from 1971 Jan.-Nov.
	1971	1972	1971	1972	
	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	Percent
Australia .....	24,419	60,331	467,858	683,577	+46
New Zealand .....	7,816	17,353	215,662	254,191	+18
Mexico .....	7,664	9,770	73,514	76,366	+4
Canada .....	7,250	4,802	71,866	54,635	-24
Costa Rica .....	3,874	5,530	35,865	44,407	+24
Nicaragua .....	3,645	7,578	31,483	44,126	+40
Ireland .....	2,267	1,875	58,960	29,521	-50
Guatemala .....	1,831	5,050	19,896	27,543	+38
Honduras .....	2,532	2,979	15,499	22,472	+45
Dominican Republic ...	856	1,299	5,809	12,619	+117
El Salvador .....	---	1,357	---	6,332	---
Panama .....	493	895	2,463	4,346	+76
Haiti .....	212	202	1,284	1,877	+46
United Kingdom .....	314	26	2,161	64	-97
Total <u>3/</u> .....	63,174	119,047	1,002,319	1,262,076	+26

1/ Preliminary.

2/ Fresh, frozen and chilled beef, veal, mutton and goat meat, including rejections.  
Excludes canned meat and other prepared or preserved meat products.

3/ May not add due to rounding.

Meat and selected livestock products: U.S. exports  
November and January-November 1972, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	November		January-November	
	1971	1972	1971	1972
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
Animal fats:				
Lard .....	38,221	31,677	278,413	160,028
Tallow and greases:				
Inedible .....	212,689	228,450	2,376,764	2,223,762
Edible .....	1,446	9,167	9,811	17,871
Meats:				
Beef and veal .....	4,610	6,561	38,105	46,427
Pork .....	11,449	6,516	55,743	92,872
Goat, lamb, and mutton .....	85	125	1,171	1,198
Sausages .....	376	427	3,472	3,655
Meat specialties .....	188	370	2,974	3,764
Other canned .....	1,348	730	8,398	7,359
Total red meats <u>2/</u> .....	<u>18,057</u>	<u>14,728</u>	<u>109,862</u>	<u>155,274</u>
Variety meats .....	15,344	25,335	239,977	251,399
Sausage casings (animal origin) .....	753	895	11,137	12,433
Animal hair, including mohair .....	895	1,515	17,227	31,134
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts .....	841	1,784	25,455	19,935
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>pieces</u>	<u>pieces</u>	<u>pieces</u>	<u>pieces</u>
Cattle .....	1,696	1,733	14,307	16,467
Calf .....	94	116	1,771	1,335
Kip .....	24	40	231	390
Sheep and lamb .....	491	635	5,232	5,250
Horse .....	2	3	77	65
Goat and kid .....	1,422	57	3,042	981
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
Livestock:				
Cattle and calves .....	4,151	24,756	81,119	178,568
Sheep, lambs, and goats .....	7,866	15,794	203,669	143,553
Hogs .....	1,142	1,846	16,280	11,576
Horses, asses, mules, and burros .....	1,506	2,049	12,917	18,693

1/ Preliminary.

2/ May not add due to rounding.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce  
Bureau of the Census

U.S. imports of meat and selected livestock products,  
November and January-November 1972, with comparisons 1/

Commodity	November		January-November	
	1971	1972	1971	1972
Red meats:	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Beef and veal:	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>	<u>pounds</u>
Fresh, chilled, or frozen:				
Bone-in beef .....	2,746	1,578	19,710	11,416
Boneless beef .....	57,741	111,607	934,197	1,164,523
Prepared items .....	1,729	683	37,400	23,256
Veal .....	1,704	5,229	16,898	31,802
Prepared or preserved:				
Canned:				
Corned .....	3,273	7,783	60,674	75,914
Other .....	3,160	1,041	24,699	18,849
Other .....	2,072	3,558	70,850	50,468
Sausage .....	15	142	2,213	2,508
Total beef and veal <u>2/</u> .....	<u>72,440</u>	<u>131,621</u>	<u>1,166,640</u>	<u>1,378,735</u>
Pork:				
Fresh, chilled or frozen .....	4,232	4,011	57,917	61,347
Canned:				
Hams and shoulders .....	17,738	27,735	234,147	274,517
Other .....	2,434	2,182	19,712	19,124
Cured .....	320	298	3,754	3,684
Sausage .....	208	689	3,312	5,313
Total pork <u>2/</u> .....	<u>24,932</u>	<u>34,915</u>	<u>318,841</u>	<u>363,986</u>
Mutton and goat .....	983	633	31,514	54,335
Lamb .....	908	2,189	36,535	37,137
Sausage-mixed .....	471	546	7,338	5,909
Other meats .....	848	1,463	13,488	14,009
Total red meats <u>2/</u> .....	<u>100,581</u>	<u>171,366</u>	<u>1,574,357</u>	<u>1,854,111</u>
Variety meats .....	336	942	5,643	7,073
Edible and inedible tallow and grease ..	200	1,372	5,952	5,563
Meat extract .....	247	79	1,077	867
Wool (clean basis):				
Dutiable .....	190	2,574	41,847	23,237
Duty-free .....	762	4,169	74,027	67,690
Total wool <u>2/</u> .....	<u>952</u>	<u>6,742</u>	<u>115,874</u>	<u>90,927</u>
Animal hair (clean basis) .....	55	319	2,760	4,037
Hides and skins:				
Cattle parts .....	128	47	1,755	1,254
Sheep skins pickled and split .....	90	882	6,939	9,177
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>pieces</u>	<u>pieces</u>	<u>pieces</u>	<u>pieces</u>
Cattle .....	4	24	274	263
Calf and kip .....	16	51	235	238
Buffalo .....	42	17	267	286
Sheep and lamb .....	196	340	17,969	16,463
Goat and kid .....	19	159	1,614	3,189
Horse .....	3	9	154	177
Pig .....	4	6	197	323
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Number</u>
Livestock:				
Cattle .....	144,528	209,103	741,956	943,410
Sheep .....	798	7,769	4,870	12,683
Hogs .....	4,882	4,220	71,276	85,364
Horses, asses, mules, and burros .....	284	290	3,322	2,967

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